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FOLLOWING IS THE POOL SUMMARY OF THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO
THE PRESS ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE:

SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE
POOL FOR AN ON RECORD Q & A. THIS, HE NOTED, IS HIS
FOURTH TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST THIS YEAR. HE WILL ALSO GO TO
JERUSALEM MEETING JAN. 15 AND 16 (DATES TENTATIVE) OF
ISRAELI, EGYPTIAN AND U.S. FOREIGN MINISTERS.

HE SAID HE BELIEVES SYRIA'S ASSAD "IS GOING TO SIT ON THE
SIDE-LINES AND WATCH AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS FOR A WHILE."
ASSAD IS "DEFINITELY KEEPING THE DOOR OPEN TO GO BACK TO
GENEVA AT A LATER DATE, BUT FOR THE TIME BEING, HE IS NOT
GOING TO PLAY A PART ON ANY OF THE DISCUSSIONS THAT ARE
GOING ON."

VANCE SAID HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE TO CONVENE A GENEVA
CONFERENCE IN 1978.

THE SECRETARY THEN OFFERED HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE BEGIN-
SADAT TALKS IN EGYPT. "I THINK PROGRESS WAS MADE AT THE
ISMAILIA DISCUSSIONS. I THINK EXPECTATIONS WERE GREATER
THAN SHOULD HAVE BEEN. IT WAS JUST SIMPLY UNREALISTIC
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TO EXPECT THAT THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN PLAGUING THE
MIDDLE EAST FOR 30 YEARS WOULD BE RESOLVED IN A SINGLE
MEETING..."

THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM ON THE AGENDA FOR THE POLITICAL
MEETING IN JANUARY IS THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION.

WITHOUT WAITING FOR A QUESTION, VANCE WANTED TO MAKE
EXPLICIT THE U.S. POSITION ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION

AND BEGIN'S PROPOSAL.

"I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL AS PUT FORWARD (BY BEGIN). THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT PROPOSAL IS AN APPROPRIATE STARTING POINT FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THE WEST BANK-GAZA ISSUE," VANCE SAID.

KEY PROBLEM FOR THE COMING TALKS IS HOW TO BRIDGE THE DIFFERENCE IN POSITIONS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL ON PALESTINIAN QUESTION.

VANCE NOTED THAT CARTER IN HIS TV INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT THAT BEGIN'S PROPOSAL "WAS A LARGE STEP FORWARD." CARTER WAS CAREFUL NOT TO USE THE WORD ENDORSE, VANCE SAID.

THE SECRETARY SAID HE HOPED "AT A STAGE IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE THAT THE PALESTINIANS WOULD BECOME INVOLVED" AND BE GIVEN A VOICE IN DETERMINING THEIR FATE.

BACK ON THE QUESTION OF SYRIAN PARTICIPATION, VANCE SAID THAT THE U.S. AND ALL THE PARTIES CONTINUE TO FAVOR A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. BUT, HE SAID, THE FACT THAT SYRIA IS SITTING THE CURRENT TALKS OUT "DOES NOT MEAN THAT PROGRESS CANNOT BE MADE BY THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO SIT DOWN AT THIS POINT AND CONTINUE TO DISCUSS HOW YOU GET A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. THE FIRST STEP IN THAT IS TRYING TO DEVELOP A SET OF PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD GOVERN THE ELEMENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. IF SUCH A FRAMEWORK CAN BE DEVELOPED, THEN WE WOULD HOPE THE OTHERS WHO HAVE SO FAR EXCLUDED THEMSELVES WOULD JOIN.

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IF THEY DON'T, WE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION AT THAT TIME AS IT THEN EXISTS."

AS BRZEZINSKI SAID EARLIER, VANCE SAID THE PRESIDENT WANTED TO HAVE HUSSEIN'S VIEWS ON HOW GAP BETWEEN PARTIES CAN BE BRIDGED.

AS FOR SAUDIS, VANCE SAID, "THEY HAVE PLAYED A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE PAST AND IT IS MY JUDGMENT THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE FUTURE. MY CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM RECENTLY WHEN I WAS IN RIYADH LEAD ME TO THAT CONCLUSION."

VANCE SKIPPED OVER THE NOW FAMILIAR LIST OF THINGS CARTER WANTS TO TALK TO HIS HOSTS ABOUT, AND VICE VERSA. THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF SPURRING MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WHEN CARTER DEALS WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ISSUES.

"IT'S OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE THAT WE REALLY MAKE PROGRESS IN MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS NEXT YEAR," SAID VANCE.

"TIME IS PASSING AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF WE ARE GOING TO ACHIEVE A CONCLUSION TO THE TOKYO ROUND THIS YEAR (1978), WHICH WE ALL PLEDGED OURSELVES TO AT THE LONDON SUMMIT. I THINK IT'S DAMNED

IMPORTANT THE WE TALK THIS OUT WITH OUR ALLIES AND TRY
AND REACH AGREEMENT WITH THEM AS TO HOW WE CAN PUT SOME
MORE PUSH BEHIND THIS IMPORTANT ASPECT," VANCE SAID.

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